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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative during the phone conference of February 28, 2005 with the Examiner.

Interview Summary

During the phone conference, Applicants' representative and the Examiner discussed the Preliminary Amendment and the best way to assure that the amendments in the Preliminary Amendment were properly interpreted for inclusion in the issued patent. Agreement was reached that a Supplemental Amendment would be filed using the new amendment format to assure that the amendments were properly entered. Accordingly, Applicants provide the present Supplemental Amendment. There was no discussion of any prior art references or the substance of any of the pending claims.

The IDS

Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention an item that was cited in the parent application that Applicants inadvertently omitted from the PTO-1449 form submitted in the present case. In particular, the Sun Microsystem's Enterprise Java Beans reference cited by the Examiner in the parent application was not listed on the PTO-1449 form. Because the information was considered in the parent application, and pursuant to MPEP 609 is considered in the present application, Applicants request that the Examiner include the Enterprise Java Beans reference on a PTO-892 form in any subsequent action so that it will appear on the face of any subsequently issued patent.

The Specification

The present Supplemental Amendment reenters the amendments made in the Preliminary Amendment in the present case which provided the correct serial number (09/001,980) for the application filed in December, 1997 and removed the reference to the later filed applications 09/223,986 and 09/224,535 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,298,478). Out of an abundance of caution, Applicants, however, hereby again bring these applications to the Examiner's attention.

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Conclusion

In light of the above discussion, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 854-1400.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s)-including fees for net addition of claims-are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

Respectfully submitted,



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